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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on March 2, 2007 was filed after the mailing date of the notice of allowance on December 15, 2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner. Initialed copy of form PTO-1449 is attached. It is noted that the cited reference identifies itself as part of a string including four different US patents, each of which was already cited in the information disclosure statement filed April 20, 2004.

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